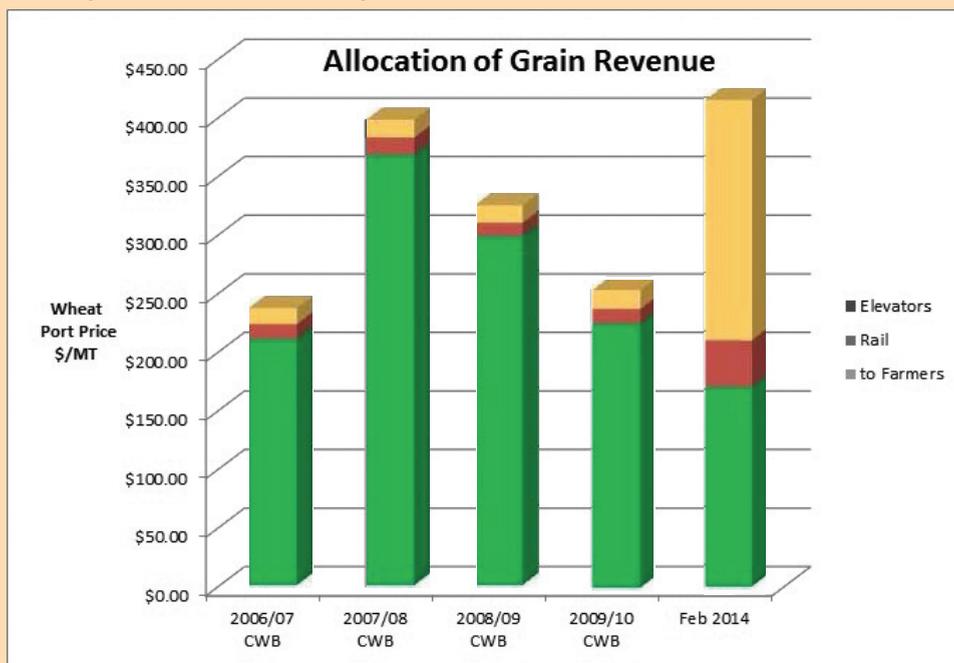


THE GREAT CANADIAN GRAIN ROBBERY

Western Canadian Farmers are Losing Billions.

Western grain producers lost an estimated \$3.1 billion in 2013/14 and could lose another \$2 billion in 2014/15 because of inefficiencies in grain handling and transportation caused by the CWB elimination. (Richard Gray, Agricultural Economist, University of Saskatchewan).

A document prepared by the CWB Alliance using data from the CWB shows that farmers on the prairies received only 41% of the Vancouver price. In previous years farmers received about 90% of the Vancouver price with the CWB system.



The Manitoba Economy is losing 400 million dollars in revenue every year. Our rural communities are losing millions.

In 2013, farmers in the Swan River Valley grew an 11 million bushel bumper crop of wheat. Using the loss of \$4.69 per bushel documented by the CWB Alliance as of February 2014, the total loss of revenue to the Swan River trading area is over 50 million dollars for the 2013-2014 crop year.

Individual farmers are losing hundreds of thousands of dollars on their farms.

"People do not know the magnitude or the impact of removing the CWB is having and the farm crisis we face and will continue to face. On our 2000 acre farm we have lost \$320,000.00 in revenue in 2013 and a total of \$450,000.00 in revenue in 2013 and 2014" —Ken Sigurdson, Swan River area farmer

The Vancouver Situation

When a ship docks in Vancouver to load wheat that ship has to sometimes go back to anchor up to six times. When the single-desk CWB arranged grain shipments ships could move between terminals to get a full load of the grain the customer ordered. The system operated by the grain companies is costly, inefficient and results in poor rail car utilization (car turnaround time).

There are currently 25 ships in Vancouver waiting to load grain. In the past the CWB received dispatch for the timely loading of wheat on ocean going vessels. Now the grain companies charge farmers for their failure to fill the ships on time.

The Thunder Bay situation

What is happening at Thunder Bay? Well nothing. When the CWB sold our grain Thunder Bay was filled over the winter so it was ready to go in the spring. Now it sits empty. The CWB used to move grain by rail to the St. Lawrence terminals in winter. This eastern rail movement no longer happens and grain companies have no desire to carry the cost of storing grain.

Churchill

The port of Churchill has significant advantages to Manitoba farmers (a \$26.00 per tonne freight advantage) and since eliminating the CWB the federal Government has put in place a \$10.00 per tonne subsidy for grain shipped through Churchill. This subsidy ends in 2016, so what happens to Churchill after that?

Blending, Protein Premiums, Fusarium Programs

Since the elimination of the CWB blending of the entire crop no longer takes place for the benefit of farmers. Now any blending upgrades go to the grain companies. There is no longer a fusarium program to market fusarium wheat. Protein premiums from the grain companies have been insignificant.

Here is what Andrew Dennis, Friends of the CWB, said about protein premiums, "There have been years as of late (The 10/11 year for example) where the premium for CRSW #1 15.5 protein has been at a \$3.46/ bushel premium to CRSW #1 11.5 protein which is \$170 more per acre for just the protein alone on a 50 bushel per acre crop."

What can you do?

Contact your MP now. The wheat marketing system that was once the envy of the world is now totally dysfunctional. It is time for the Harper government to be held accountable for the systematic destruction of the CWB marketing system.

Join the CWB Alliance in calling for the re-establishment of the CWB single-desk marketing system.

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